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ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHEET		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER	
(Instructions on Reverse)		(Court Use Only)	
PLAINTIFFS	DEFENDA	ANTS	
David Pattillo and Claudia Russell	Shaun D	. Etchegoyen	
ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.) Thomas J. Polis, Esq., Polis & Associates, APLC	ATTORN	EYS (If Known)	
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PARTY (Check One Box Only)	PARTY (C	Check One Box Only)	
□ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin	□ Debtor	☐ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin	
□ Creditor □ Other	□ Creditor	□ Other	
□ Trustee	□ Trustee		
CAUSE OF ACTION (WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE	OF ACTION,	INCLUDING ALL U.S. STATUTES INVOLVED)	
Determine Dischargeability of Debt Under Sections 523(a)(2);	523(a)(4); and	1523(a)(6)	
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FRBP 7001(1) – Recovery of Money/Property		- Dischargeability (continued)	
11-Recovery of money/property - §542 turnover of property		rgeability - §523(a)(5), domestic support	
☐ 12-Recovery of money/property - §547 preference ☐ 13-Recovery of money/property - §548 fraudulent transfer	_	rgeability - \$523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury	
13-Recovery of money/property - §548 traudulent transfer 14-Recovery of money/property - other	63-Dischargeability - §523(a)(8), student loan 64-Dischargeability - §523(a)(15), divorce or separation obligation		
(other than domestic support)			
FRBP 7001(2) – Validity, Priority or Extent of Lien	65-Dischargeability - other		
21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property	EDDD 7001(7)	Injunctive Polief	
FRBP 7001(3) – Approval of Sale of Property FRBP 7001(7) – Injunctive Relief 71-Injunctive relief – imposition of stay			
31-Approval of sale of property of estate and of a co-owner - §363(h)		tive relief – other	
FRBP 7001(4) - Objection/Revocation of Discharge	FRRP 7001(8)	Subordination of Claim or Interest	
41-Objection / revocation of discharge - §727(c),(d),(e)		lination of claim or interest	
FRBP 7001(5) - Revocation of Confirmation	FRRP 7001(9)	Declaratory Judgment	
51-Revocation of confirmation		atory judgment	
FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability	FRRP 7001(10)) Determination of Removed Action	
66-Dischargeability - §523(a)(1),(14),(14A) priority tax claims	_	nination of removed claim or cause	
62-Dischargeability - §523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation,			
actual fraud 67-Dischargeability - §523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny	Other	Case – 15 U.S.C. §§78aaa <i>et.seq.</i>	
		(e.g. other actions that would have been brought in state court	
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☐ Check if this case involves a substantive issue of state law		this is asserted to be a class action under FRCP 23	
☐ Check if a jury trial is demanded in complaint	Demand \$		
Other Relief Sought			

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BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES			
NAME OF DEBTOR Shaun D. Etchegoyen		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 8:22-bk-10960-SC	
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING Central District of California		DIVISION OFFICE Santa Ana	NAME OF JUDGE Scott C. Clarkson
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)			
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDING		DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)			
/s/ Thomas J. Polis			
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DATE		PRINT NAME OF ATTORNE	Y (OR PLAINTIFF)
September 16, 2022		Thomas J. Polis, Esq.	

INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 1040, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 1040 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and Defendants. Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

Demand. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

Signature. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

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Attorney for F	Plaintiff David Pattillo and Claudia	a Russell	
			ANKRUPTCY COURT NIA - SANTA ANA DIVISION
In re:			
Shaun D. Etch	hegoyen,		CASE NO.: 8:22-bk-10930-SC CHAPTER: 7 ADVERSARY NO.:
		Debtor(s).	
David Pattillo a	and Claudia Russell,		
Shaun D. Etcl	Versus hegoyen,	Plaintiff(s)	SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE IN ADVERSARY PROCEEDING [LBR 7004-1]
	De	efendant(s)	
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This form is mandatory. It has been approved for use in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.

You must comply with LBR 7016-1, which requires you to file a joint status report and to appear at a status conference. All parties must read and comply with the rule, even if you are representing yourself. You must cooperate with the other parties in the case and file a joint status report with the court and serve it on the appropriate parties at least 14 days before a status conference. A court-approved joint status report form is available on the court's website (LBR form F 7016-1.STATUS.REPORT) with an attachment for additional parties if necessary (LBR form F 7016-1.STATUS.REPORT.ATTACH). If the other parties do not cooperate in filing a joint status report, you still must file with the court a unilateral status report and the accompanying required declaration instead of a joint status report 7 days before the status conference. The court may fine you or impose other sanctions if you do not file a status report. The court may also fine you or impose other sanctions if you fail to appear at a status conference.

KATHLEEN J. CAMPBELL CLERK OF COURT

Date of Issuance of Summons and Notice of Status Conference in Adversary Pro	ceeding:
Ву:	
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PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:

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I declare under p	enalty of perjury under the laws of th	Service information continued on attached page the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.
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Plaintiffs, David Pattillo and Claudia Russell ("Pattillo/Russell" or "Plaintiffs"), unsecured creditors of the bankruptcy estate of In re Shaun D. Etchegoyen, Case NO. 8:22-10960-SC holding an unsecured claim respectfully represent and allege with their Complaint ("Complaint") as follows:

STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION AND VENUE

This Court has jurisdiction over this adversary proceeding ("Adversary

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Proceeding") pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 159 and 1134, and 11 U.S.C. §§ 523(a)(2)(A),

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523(a)(4), 523(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code. This is a core proceeding under 28

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U.S.C. §§ 157(b)(2)(I) and 157(b)(2)(J).

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2. Venue for this Adversary Proceeding properly lies in this Judicial District in that

this civil proceeding arises under Title 11 of the United States Code as provided under

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28 U.S.C. § 1409.

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3. This Adversary Proceeding arises out of and relates to the Chapter 7 bankruptcy

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case of In re Shaun D. Etchegoyen, Case No. 8:22-bk-10960-SC on the docket of this Court.

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The Debtor's bankruptcy case was commenced by the filing of a Voluntary Petition for Relief

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under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, on June 9, 2022.

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4. Plaintiffs, Pattillo/Russell are unsecured creditors of the Debtor's bankruptcy

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estate in the amount of no less than \$200,000.00.

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5. The Debtor/Defendant, Shaun D. Etchegoven's mailing address as stated on

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the Court's docket as of September 16, 2022 was:

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220 Newport Center Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660

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STATEMENT OF STANDING

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6. The Plaintiffs, as creditors of the Debtor's bankruptcy estate, has standing to prosecute this Adversary Proceeding under 11 U.S.C. § 523.

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GENERALL ALLEGATIONS

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7. Plaintiffs, Pattillo/Russell are informed and believe and thereon allege the

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following facts to justify that their claim of approximately no less than \$200,000.00, not

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

including additional attorneys' fees, against the Debtor/Defendant Shaun D. Etchegoven be

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8. Debtor, Shaun Etchegoyen ("Etchegoyen") held himself out to the Plaintiffs as a professional licensed contractor with years of experience in high-end home remodeling.

- 9. From December 28, 2020 through and including October 1, 2021, Plaintiffs paid the Debtor, Shaun Etchegoyen a total of \$100,081.75 for purported construction related services arising out of the Project. All of the money came from an account jointly held by Plaintiffs.
- 10. Attached as Exhibit "A" are true and correct copies of each and every check paid by Plaintiffs to Debtor Etchegoyen for the Project.
- 11. However, Debtor Etchegoyen performed only a small fraction of the work for which Plaintiffs paid Debtor Etchegoyen in connection with the Project. For example, Plaintiffs advanced money to Debtor Etchegoyen for flooring, appliances and countertops in the amount of \$33,002.00, none of which items were provided by Debtor Etchegoyen to Plaintiffs.
- 12. In mid-October of 2021, after Plaintiffs made inquiries to Debtor Etchegoyen about certain items paid for yet having never been delivered, Debtor Etchegoyen abandoned the Project. Plaintiffs subsequently learned that at no point from December, 2020 to the present did Debtor Etchegoyen have contractor's license.
- 13. The Contractors' State License Law, Business & Professions Code § 7000 et seq., required contractors to be licensed unless they are exempt from licensure. §§ 7026, 7031 & 7040 et seg.
- 14. As stated above, Debtor Etchegoyen was unlicensed at all relevant times, despite representations to Plaintiffs Pattillo/Russell to the contrary.
- 15. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is a true and correct copy of a citation issued by the Contractors State License Board ("CSLB") against Debtor Etchegoyen on or about March 12, 2021 in which Debtor Etchegoyen was, among other things, assessed a civil penalty as a

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of the Bankruptcy Code.

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ON THE SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

[11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2)(4)]

- 22. Plaintiffs, David Pattillo and Claudia Russell hereby allege and incorporate by reference, Paragraphs 1 through 21, and all sub-parts thereto, inclusive of this Complaint, as though set forth in full herein.
- 23. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(4), the Court shall except from the Debtor's discharge any debt:
 - (4) for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity, embezzlement, or, larceny (Emphasis added.)
- 24. Plaintiffs Pattillo/Russell are informed and believe and thereon allege that Debtor/Defendant Etchegoyen obtained \$100,082 from Plaintiffs by embezzlement and/or larceny and caused total damages exceeding \$200,000.
- 25. Plaintiffs Pattillo/Russell are informed and believe and thereon allege that all fo their claims against Debtor/Defendant, Shaun D. Etchegoyen should be deemed non-dischargeable under Section 523(a)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.

ON THE THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

[11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(6)]

- 26. Plaintiffs, David Pattillo and Claudia Russell hereby allege and incorporate by reference, Paragraphs 1 through 25, and all sub-parts thereto, inclusive of this Complaint, as though set forth in full herein.
- 27. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(6), the Court shall except from the Debtor's discharge any debt:
 - (6) for willful and malicious injury by the debtor to another entity or to the property of another entity (Emphasis added.)
- 28. Plaintiffs Pattillo/Russell are informed and believe and thereon allege that the Debtor Shaun D. Etchegoyen, willfully, maliciously and without cause or excuse, caused substantial economic injury in an amount not less than \$200,000 as detailed herein.

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1	29. Plaintiffs Pattillo/Russell are informed and believe and thereon allege that all of
2	their claims against Debtor Shaun D. Etchegoyen should be deemed non-dischargeable under
3	Section 523 (a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code.
4	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, David Pattillo and Claudia Russell, pray for judgment against
5	Debtor/Defendant Shaun D. Etchegoyen under Section 523 of the Bankruptcy Code as
6	follows:
7	ON THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
8	1. That Plaintiffs, David Pattillo and Claudia Russell's unsecured claim, in amount
9	of no less than \$200,000 against Debtor/Defendant, Shaun D. Etchegoyen be deemed non-
10	dischargeable under Section 523(a)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code.
11	ON THE SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
12	2. That Plaintiffs, David Pattillo and Claudia Russell's claims exceeding \$200,000
13	against Debtor/Defendant, Shaun D. Etchegoyen be deemed non-dischargeable under
14	Section 523(a)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.
15	ON THE THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
16	3. That Plaintiffs, David Pattillo and Claudia Russell's claims exceeding \$200,000
17	against Debtor Shaun D. Etchegoyen should be deemed non-dischargeable under Section
18	523 (a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code.
19	ON ALL CLAIMS RELIEF
20	1. For costs of suit herein, and
21	2. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.
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23	Dated: September 16, 2022 POLIS & ASSOCIATES, APLC
24	By: /s/ Thomas J. Polis
25	Thomas J. Polis, Esq. Counsel for Unsecured Creditors,
26	David Pattillo and Claudia Russell
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